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(As Amended)

"AN ACT PROTECTING EMPLOYEE FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND CONSCIENCE."

- 1 After subsection (d) of section 1, insert the following:
- 2 "(e) In the event that the provisions of this section are determined to
- 3 <u>be unconstitutional or preempted by federal law by a court of competent</u>
- 4 jurisdiction, the state shall indemnify and hold harmless any employer
- 5 who is required to pay money damages to an employee as the result of
- 6 an alleged violation of the provisions of this section. Such
- 7 indemnification shall include an award of reasonable attorney's fees,
- 8 including any attorney's fees incurred to challenge whether the
- 9 provisions of this section are unconstitutional or preempted by federal
- 10 law."